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NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK



MARCH 7-15, 1953

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MILLIONS ARE DOING IT! - More than 2,005,000 boys and girls 10 to 21 years of age belong to 87,000 4-H Clubs located in practically every rural county of the U.S. They pledge Head, Heart, Hands, and Health in unity for greater service to home, club, community, and country during National 4-H Club Week, March 7-15, inclusive. This is a time for "getting set" in their 4-H projects and activities for 1953. All over the nation they are preparing to deliver a full measure of production, conservation, and "know how" as part of their daily lives. And they are learning to live together. The national theme of 4-H Club work in 1953 is - Working Together for World Understanding.

THEY ARE DOING MILLIONS OF THINGS - these 4-H'ers, such as putting on demonstrations of scientific methods, getting their crops, livestock, or the family food supply ready for the busy summer season, holding rallies to inform parents and other young people about 4-H, or helping their clubs to do useful things in the community. Whether they are boys or girls living in town or country, 4-H'ers DO things. Each carries a small business project - geared to some need or problem of self, home or community. Each belongs to a club which they conduct themselves with the counsel of parents or volunteer leaders.

Extension workers help smooth their way with training, advice, and a friendly pat on the back. State land-grant colleges give scientific facts, bulletins, and record blanks to help guide them. It's work and play, sing and sometimes swing, as together these future leaders of tomorrow learn--

Basic habits and attitudes of good citizens,
Skills for useful, productive work,
The application of science to everyday living,
The methods of conducting a business of their own,
The art of being a happy, lovable, and useful personality,
The proper care of their bodies,
The grace and art of homemaking and family living,
The source of information about their problems and needs.

DURING THIS WEEK - 4-H members everywhere will hold "open house" meetings, prepare exhibits and displays, speak at schools, service clubs and churches, and study their own home and community needs. While they are making ready for another productive year, the nation will honor their achievements of 1952. Press, radio, TV, and friends of 4-H everywhere are invited to help youth prepare for their Date with Destiny.

ADDITIONAL FACTS - About 4-H Club programs and local plans for this Week are available from county extension agents, State agricultural colleges or the Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS, 1952

2,005,000 Boys and Girls Were Members of 87,000 4-H Clubs
Under the Guidance of 275,000 Local Volunteer Club Leaders

1. 4-H members produced and conserved food, to make more available for their own families, for other families, and for those in need in other lands:

Garden products	acres	120,000
Poultry	birds	9,300,000
Livestock	head	1,300,000
Food crops	acres	500,000
Products preserved	quarts	10,000,000
Food frozen	pounds	4,000,000

2. They made their homes more attractive and livable through their 4-H Club work in -

Food planning, preparation, and service	meals	25,000,000
Room improvement	units	150,000
Arts and crafts	articles	450,000
Home management	units	190,000
Beautification of home grounds	homes	140,000
Clothing	garments	2,300,000
Child care	children	20,000
Music appreciation	homes reached	270,000

3. They made their homes and home farms more efficient and profitable through their 4-H Club work.

<u>Club members</u>	<u>Achievement</u>
360,000	kept personal accounts
600,000	participated in fire and accident prevention
150,000	made use of special economic information
550,000	demonstrated recommended conservation practices
770,000	carried on special 4-H health activities
75,000	engaged in work relating to agricultural engineering, electricity, tractor maintenance, and general farm repairs

4. 114 present and former 4-H members spent six months in 32 different countries in the program known as International Farm Youth Exchange. These delegates will report their observations to more than one million fellow Americans. They will conduct discussions on world understanding in local, State, and national meetings.